

## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Title: Slitting Saw

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1. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
2. ☒ Specification Total Pages: 11
3. ☒ Drawings Total Sheets: 4
4. Oath or Declaration Total Pages:
  - a. ☒ Newly executed.
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 13 completed)
5. ☒ Application Data Sheet.

### Accompanying Application Parts

6. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document)
7. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
8. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
9. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

10. ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
11. ☒ Certificate of Mailing Via Express Mail
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	740	2001	370	Utility filing fee	375.
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	510	2003	255	Plant filing fee	
1004	740	2004	370	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 375.)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

	Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
		-20** =	X	
		-3** =	X	

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ )

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	400	2252	200	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	920	2253	460	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,440	2254	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,960	2255	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,280	2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	460	2502	230	Design issue fee	
1503	620	2503	310	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	740	2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ )

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